GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Organ Donation
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of people who donated organs to other people for the last three years including the current year;

(b) whether the Government is aware that cases of organ donations have decreased considerably;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken to create awareness in this regard;

(d) whether the Government has formulated scheme to promote the donation of human organs and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to develop any storage facility to preserve human organs, if so, the State-wise and district-wise details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)
(a) & (b): Since health is a State subject, complete data in this regard is not available with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. However, as per data available with National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) in respect of cadaver donations, the number of persons who donated organs during 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016 (upto 31st October) are 313, 411, 579 and 592, respectively. Cadaver organ donations has, as such, increased during this period.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): The Government of India is implementing the National Organ Transplant Programme (NOTP) to promote organ donation across the country. This includes provision for National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) website, a 24x7 call centre with toll free helpline number (1800114770), National Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplant Registry. Financial assistance for establishing Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (ROTTO) in Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Assam and UT of Chandigarh, hiring of transplant coordinators in Hospitals and Trauma Centres and carrying out awareness and training of transplant coordinators.

(e): Organs are usually not stored and they have to be transplanted as soon as possible after retrieval. However, tissues such as cornea, skin, bone, etc. may be stored for a longer time and require banking facility. A provision has been made for setting up one National Biomaterial Centre (Tissue Bank) at NOTTO for which construction work has already been completed and five (5) Regional/State level Biomaterial Centres (Tissue Banks) in the country.